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ENCLOSURE COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: Elijah Muhammad

FILE: 105-34822 section 6

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**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)**  
**FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)**  
**SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM**  
**IS - NOI**

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DATE 8/25/80 BY SP-4 elw/klr**

**Re Bureau letter to Phoenix dated 5/18/61.**

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination pertaining to possible purchase of a home, or of federal property, in Phoenix, Arizona, by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

Three (3) copies of this letterhead memorandum are being designated to Phoenix and one (1) copy is designated to Washington Field.

The [redacted] referred to in attached letterhead memorandum has telephone number [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona. **b7c**

Washington Field Office is being forwarded this information inasmuch as MUHAMMAD indicates he is going to return to Phoenix on or about June 25, 1961, and information has been developed that MUHAMMAD is scheduled to speak at Uline Arena, Washington, D.C., on June 25, 1961. It is possible MUHAMMAD may not speak at Washington, D.C. or that he may depart for Phoenix from Washington, D.C. upon conclusion of his speech.

- ② - Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)
  - 1 - 105-24822 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
- 2 - Phoenix (100- [redacted] ELIJAH MUHAMMAD) (Encls. 3) (RM)
  - 1 - 105-93 (NATION OF ISLAM)
- 1 - Washington Field (100-22829) (Encls. 1) (INFO) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago
  - 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)

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The Phoenix Office is requested to contact proper authorities regarding the possible purchase of federal property by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and to develop full information concerning same and disseminate appropriately to the Bureau and Chicago. Phoenix is further requested to follow closely the possible purchase of the [REDACTED] home by MUHAMMAD and to follow instructions set forth in letterhead letter. b7c

The following sources were utilized in the attached letterhead memorandum:

[REDACTED] b3 b7D

The following confidential sources utilized in characterizing the organization set forth in the letterhead memorandum:

Organization

Source

Nation of Islam

[REDACTED]

The enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified confidential because data reported from [REDACTED] could reasonably result in his identification and could possibly compromise his future effectiveness.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

100-35635

Chicago, Illinois

6-9-61

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NATION OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM

The following organization, which is referred to herein, has not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and is characterized in later pages:

Nation of Islam (NOI)

A confidential source on June 7, 1961, advised he had learned that a [REDACTED] of Phoenix, Arizona, had told Elijah Muhammad that the [REDACTED] property had not been cleared; that he [REDACTED] had been told by a [REDACTED] that Muhammad's offer of \$2,300 had been submitted to [REDACTED] but [REDACTED] had not contacted anyone regarding an acceptance of the offer.

The source stated that [REDACTED] continued that [REDACTED] had assured him that they can get the federal government to release the land and that [REDACTED] had given him the names of some internal revenue men to contact. [REDACTED] stated that on the other property one part of the three lots would cost \$1,450 plus \$80, plus another \$80 for a meter; that for two lots it would be \$2,900 plus \$80 under an agreement that they could build a house and, if not, another 10 per cent should be added to the amount.

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NATION OF ISLAM

The source advised that Muhammad instructed [REDACTED] to forget about the other property if he could get the [REDACTED] property and, if so, to advise him immediately and he, Muhammad, would send out a check right away. b7C

The source continued that [REDACTED] asked Muhammad when he expected to come back and Muhammad replied "most any day."

This same source advised on June 7, 1961, that Elijah Muhammad indicated he was planning to go back to Phoenix around June 25, 1961. b7D

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In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 6/15/61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI  
O.O. Chicago

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF  
DATE 11/2/82

Enclosed to the Bureau are the original and eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning an auto accident involving slight injury to two small children pedestrians by an automobile driven by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, and owned by RAYMOND SHARRIEFF, on June 10, 1961, at Chicago, Illinois.

The letterhead memoranda are submitted to the Bureau for information and any desired dissemination. If any additional pertinent information is developed, the Bureau will be advised.

The informants utilized, in order of sequence, are as follows:

## Characterization of Organizations

### Source

### Organization

- 4 - Bureau (Encls. 9) (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 25-330971) (Nation of Islam)  
(1 - 105-24951) (RAYMOND SHARRIEFF)  
4 - Chicago  
(1 - 100-35635) (Nation of Islam)  
(1 - 100-27167) (RAYMOND SHARRIEFF)  
(1 - 100-31166) (HERBERT MUHAMMAD)

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Chicago, Illinois  
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ON *8/6/82*

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 10, 1961, Elijah Muhammad reported to the Woodlawn Station, Chicago Police Department, that on the afternoon of June 10, 1961, two children ran out from behind a bread truck at 65th Street and Woodlawn into the path of his car. He knocked them down but did not think they were hurt seriously, although at first he thought he had killed them.

Muhammad called for one of his sons to come to the police station. It was indicated that Herbert Muhammad would go to the Woodlawn Station. *166*

Later, on June 10, 1961, Elijah Muhammad called the Cook County Hospital, Chicago, regarding *[redacted]* (phonetic), a little girl who was knocked down by an automobile, and was advised there was no one in the hospital by that name. *B. APPROX 1:37* *166* *b7c*

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In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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FRUIT OF ISLAM

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

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The sources utilized to characterize the above organizations have furnished reliable information in the past.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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DATE *11/2/82 [Signature]*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)  
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM  
IS - NOI

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE *8/25/82* BY *SP-4 [Signature]*

Re Bureau letter dated 6/5/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 7 copies  
(one copy for the Bureau file on ELIJAH MUHAMMAD), 2  
copies for New York, and 2 copies for Washington Field,  
of a letterhead memorandum which is suitable for  
dissemination and which pertains to the appearance of  
ELIJAH MUHAMMAD at Uline Arena, Washington, D. C. on  
6/25/61.

In connection with the information set forth  
in the enclosed letterhead memorandum as furnished by

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- 4 - Bureau (Encls. 7) (RM)
  - (1 - 105-24822) (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
- 2 - New York (105-7809) (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)
  - (1 - 105-8999) (MALCOLM X LITTLE)
- 2 - Washington Field (100-22829) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago
  - (1 - 100-6989) (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)

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On 6/19/61, [REDACTED] reliable, advised that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD told one of his secretaries that he was not sure he would go to Washington. (Chicago believes MUHAMMAD was merely using this as an excuse not to see this secretary on 6/19/61). b2

On 6/19/61, [REDACTED] reliable, advised that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD stated on that date "They can only get six buses to go". (Although nothing regarding Washington, D. C., was mentioned at this time, Chicago is of the opinion that MUHAMMAD was referring to buses travelling to and from Temple No. 2, Chicago to Washington, D. C.)

The Washington Field Office is requested to consider the feasibility of a photographic fisur of the arrival of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and his entourage at Washington International Airport at 11:25 a.m. EDT, 6/25/61. It is to be noted that when MUHAMMAD travels with such an entourage he usually selects those males and females who are close to him and who are trusted by him and who may already be, or will be, officers of Temple No. 2 or some other Temple of Islam. The results of such a fisur may be of value at present, or later, to Chicago in its investigative efforts in attempting to identify officers of the Nation of Islam (NOI).

The following sources were utilized in the attached letterhead memorandum:

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The following confidential sources were utilized in characterizations of organizations set forth in the letterhead memorandum:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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100-35635

Chicago, Illinois  
June 21, 1961

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NATION OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM

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Nation of Islam (NOI)

Fruit of Islam (FOI)

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**NATION OF ISLAM**

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The "Crusader", in its issue of June 17, 1961, page 20, carried an article entitled "Chicago Muslims Offering \$20 RT Bus Trip to Hear Muhammad in Washington." The article reflects in part as follows:

"Muhammad's Mosque of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, will sponsor a \$20 round trip bus ride to Washington, D. C., Friday, June 23, to the Uline Arena there, where the spiritual leader of America's Muslim movement will deliver what has been called the 'most significant speech of his career' on Sunday afternoon, June 25.

"We expect an audience of at least 30,000 in Washington to hear the Hon. Elijah Muhammad", a mosque spokesman said.

"In order that his followers and other interested persons in Chicago may be able to cut down on travel fare, we have chartered our own buses for the trip... Our bus leaving from 5335 Greenwood, June 23, is air-conditioned, features foam air ride and other comforts. No Negro organization has done this before."

The "Crusader" is a weekly newspaper published at 4237 South Indiana, Chicago, Illinois.

The "Crusader" in its issue of June 17, 1961, page 13, carried an article entitled "Harlemites Set to Invade D. C. at Islam Meet", which was datelined "New York (Special)". This article reflected in part as follows:

"All Harlem is buzzing with excitement over the potential impact of Muslims 'Freedom Caravan' upon an already worried Kennedy administration when hundreds of buses loaded with militant young Muslims invade the nation's capitol from all over America on Sunday, June 25, to hear Messenger Elijah Muhammad deliver a 'major address' to a huge Freedom Rally at Washington's mammoth Uline Arena.

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## **NATION OF ISLAM**

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"The largest group of Negroes are expected to leave from Harlem. Malcolm X, Minister of the New York Muslims, told reporters here that many non-Muslim friends and sympathizers who are 'tired of the slow pace of token integration, too intelligent to submit patiently to continued segregation, and fed up completely with the compromising attitude of sell-out Negro leaders,' will join the Freedom Caravan to Washington as 'neutral observers' to see and hear what Mr. Muhammad's proposal to 'the oppressors of our people' will be.

"...Mr. Muhammad's already highly publicized subject for the Freedom Rally is 'Separation or Death'.

"Malcolm X also revealed to reporters here in New York that many other non-Muslim organizations who likewise believe that 'forced' token integration will take too long for the increasingly impatient black masses, are also purchasing blocks of tickets for their members and encouraging them to ride the Freedom Caravan.

"Refusing to make any advance comments on Mr. Muhammad's proposed speech, Malcolm X told reporters that 'our religious leader's ultimatum is no different than that which the great American patriot, Patrick Henry, told the English oppressors of his people on July 4, 1776.'

"The local Freedom Caravan from Harlem will leave from 116th Street and Lenox Avenue at 4:00 a.m. Sunday, June 26th, and return that same evening by 11:00 p.m. All tickets must be purchased by June 21. Round trip fare is only \$6..."



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Date: 7-24-61

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-38835)  
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM  
IS - NOI

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REASON: FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2 3  
DATE OF REVIEW 8/15/82

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Washington Field are eight and four copies respectively of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination pertaining to a trip by [REDACTED] to Cairo, Egypt, and to a possible trip by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD to Karachi, Pakistan.

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The confidential source utilized in the enclosed letterhead memorandum was [REDACTED] **b2**

The following sources were utilized in the characterization set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum:

Organization

Source

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- 4 - Bureau (encls. 8) (RM)
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- 4 - Washington Field (encls. 4) (RM) (100-22829)
  - (1 - 100- ) (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
  - (1 - 100- ) [REDACTED]
  - (1 - 100- ) (WILLIAM HARRIS)
- 5 - Chicago
  - (1 - 100-6989) (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
  - (1 - [REDACTED])
  - (1 - [REDACTED])
  - (1 - [REDACTED])

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Special Agent in Charge

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b7C The interviews of [REDACTED] as set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum, were conducted by SA [REDACTED] during the course of investigation of another subject matter.

Chicago at present maintains 100 "dead" files on both [REDACTED]

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b2 A review of these two subject files will be conducted, and if they meet the criteria, active investigation will be instituted. Chicago, other than the data set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum, has received no information which would indicate [REDACTED] are going to Egypt as representatives of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. The data furnished by [REDACTED] would indicate the HARRIS' are not acting as MUHAMMAD's emissaries.

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b7C With regard to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's proposed trip to Karachi, Pakistan, the data set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum is the first indication that such a trip was being contemplated. Chicago will closely follow this development and any future pertinent data will be disseminated in appropriate letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Based on the information set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum from [REDACTED], it is the opinion of the Chicago Office that MUHAMMAD made statements about going to Karachi merely to impress [REDACTED]

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Review appropriate passport records at the United States Department of State as regards [REDACTED] and furnish Chicago by letter to [REDACTED] the pertinent subject file of [REDACTED] all data available on their application for passport and include photographs of both. b7C

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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NATION OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

The following organization, which is referred to herein, and which has not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 is characterized subsequently:

Nation of Islam (NOI)

A confidential source on July 20, 1961, advised as follows:

b7C [redacted] told Elijah Muhammad that he and his wife were leaving at 3:15, July 21, 1961, on Flight 8 for Egypt; that they took the economy rate through the Arab Consulate; that they are going to be over there a month and it will not cost them anything as they are going as invited guests of the country and everything is free if they do not stay for over twenty-four or twenty-five days; that they planned to visit Cairo and the Sudan; and that they planned to be back in New York on August 25, 1961.

Elijah Muhammad then told [redacted] about his visit to Egypt and cautioned the brother not to exaggerate or make false statements to the Muslims over there, adding that if he did the Muslims would avoid him. Muhammad stated the Muslims over there had, when he had been there, recognized his mission and had loved him. b7C

[redacted] was told by Muhammad, after being questioned as to whether he should use his "X" name or not, that he should not use his "X" name as the Muslims over there would not recognize it. [redacted] told Muhammad that he and his wife had used their "slave names" on their passports. Muhammad told the brother that they should have used their Muslim names on their passport and visas and that he should tell the Muslims over there

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that they are also Muslims. Muhammad further told [REDACTED] that he could take any Muslim name that Allah had given. [REDACTED] chose the name Wali Hassan and told Muhammad he wanted to use the name Hassan because it was close to his "slave name" of [REDACTED] and he could then remember this new name. Muhammad told [REDACTED] that his wife could use her regular name [REDACTED] with Hassan.

Muhammad then told [REDACTED] that he should tell the Muslims he meets that he sends them the greetings and hopes to meet them again if it be the will of Allah, with the whole nation in the wilderness of North America. Muhammad told [REDACTED] that almost all of the officers and people over there knew him.

Elijah Muhammad continued by telling [REDACTED] that he had recently received an invitation from the Educational Department in Karachi, Pakistan, and that they had wanted him to come there right away. Muhammad stated he might fulfill this appointment in late September or October (1961).

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SAC, Chicago (100-6989)

August 1, 1961

Director, FBI (105-24822)

ELIJAH POOLE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The Bureau is desirous of obtaining all available pertinent information from public sources which tends to indicate or actually evidence that the subject has in the past or is currently converting Nation of Islam (NOI) funds to personal use. Therefore, you should assign this matter to an Agent who is experienced and familiar with NOI matters and in particular with the subject. Should you find voluminous public source material, limit the reporting of such to selected information based upon best evidence. Sulet results with documentation of the material used.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The subject's name is included in the Security Index. He is on the National leader of the NOI, which has headquarters at Chicago, Illinois. It is desired that the material requested of Chicago be obtained in order that the Bureau may have available ready reference public source material.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35828)  
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM  
IS - NOI

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, New York and Phoenix are seven, one, and one copies respectively, of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to the health of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the Messenger of Allah and National leader of the NOI.

A copy of this memorandum is being forwarded New York in view of MUHAMMAD's proposed appearance in New York in late 8/61. Based on the fact he did not appear at a "feast" in Washington, D.C. in 8/61 due to ill health the same may be true as regards the New York affair.

Chicago has, at present, no information regarding the identity of the 2 people MUHAMMAD is allegedly training to give him help. This will be closely followed. Any reliable data reflecting the identity of these individuals will receive immediate attention.

Any further pertinent information regarding MUHAMMAD's trip to Phoenix will be promptly afforded to that office. *C*

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Based on the information in the letterhead memorandum it is possible MUHAMMAD's health is worse than previously received information had indicated and may possibly involve a heart condition along with the bronchitis. This matter will be closely followed and any pertinent information received will be promptly furnished the Bureau in suitable form.

The following sources were utilized in the attached letterhead memorandum;

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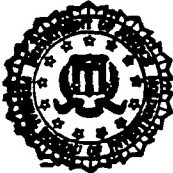
The following confidential sources were utilized in characterizing the organization set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum.

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The enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified confidential because data reported from sources utilized therein could reasonably result in their identification and possibly compromise future effectiveness.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and this was done only in those instances where it was determined necessary.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

August 3, 1961

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NATION OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

The following organization, which is referred to herein, has not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and is characterized in later pages:

Nation of Islam (NOI)

In early August, 1961, a confidential source advised that Elijah Muhammad had made statements as follows:

He has started training two people to give him competent help. He is planning to go to Phoenix on August 9, 1961, to rest up for his trip to New York. He has an Arab doctor now but trusts only Allah. He has been reading up on his symptoms and he has acute bronchitis asthma whereas the doctors had told him he had a bad case of acute bronchitis. He has been telling his sons to be sure to save their money and not to depend on him as he is getting into his middle sixties and his type of work wears a man out faster than would ordinary work. He told his doctor he had a heart attack three years ago. He has been to the doctor and was advised to go somewhere and rest. He is overworked and is going out there and will stay until he goes to New York.

A third confidential source advised in July, 1960, that Clara Muhammad is the wife of Elijah Muhammad.

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# **NATION OF ISLAM**

Confidential sources used above have all furnished reliable information in the past.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

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Re Chicago airtel to Director dated 7/24/61 con-  
cerning travel to Egypt on the part of [REDACTED] b7C

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of  
a letterhead memorandum setting forth information concerning  
the return of [REDACTED] to  
Chicago from a recent trip to Egypt.

The pretext interview with [REDACTED] was  
conducted on September 7, 1961 by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7C, b7E

The following sources were utilized in the  
characterizations set forth in the enclosed letterhead  
memorandum:

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Chicago is conducting no further investigation  
concerning [REDACTED] and her case is being closed  
administratively. In that regard, no information has been

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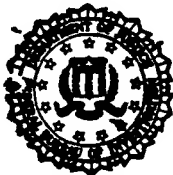
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developed that [REDACTED] holds any position in the NOI, and no information was developed indicating that she was acting as a representative of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD during the Egyptian trip.

(b7C) [REDACTED] is presently being investigated by the Chicago Office to determine if he holds any position of authority in the NOI. In the event it is determined that [REDACTED] meets the criteria for inclusion on the security index regarding the NOI, the Bureau will be appropriately advised. If he does not meet the criteria, his case will be closed administratively. Confidential informants are presently being contacted in this regard.

No information has been developed to date by the Chicago Office indicating that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD contemplates a trip to Karachi, Pakistan. Chicago will continue to follow this matter closely and in the event there are indications such a trip is contemplated, the Bureau will be immediately advised.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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Reference is made to memorandum dated July 24, 1961, captioned as above.

The following information was obtained by means of a suitable pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 7, 1961 with

b7c [REDACTED] returned to their residence in late August, 1961, after a one month tour of Egypt. [REDACTED] traveled to and from Egypt by way of Trans World Airlines, and such travel was at their own expense. During their tour they did not act as representatives of either Elijah Muhammad or the NOI.

[REDACTED] has over a period of years, accumulated funds for such a trip by personal savings. He took a leave of absence from his employment [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, in order to take the Egyptian trip. [REDACTED] are followers of Elijah Muhammad [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: September 19, 1961

FROM :

SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT:

ELIJAH POOLE  
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ReBulet to Chicago dated 8/1/61.

A review of subject's Chicago file and Chicago file regarding the Nation of Islam (NOI) including newspaper clippings and exhibits reflects no information from public sources tending to indicate that the subject has, in the past or is currently, converting NOI funds to his personal use.

In regards to the request set forth in referenced Bureau letter, the following information is submitted for the Bureau. Informants utilized herein have all furnished reliable information in the past:

[REDACTED] furnished information on February 25, 1961 that individual Mosque financial records are due at Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2 (MTI No. 2), Chicago, Illinois, three days after the end of the month. All money orders are payable to Muhammad's Mosque No. 2 and are to be accompanied by a separate sheet of paper setting forth the total amount for the various NOI funds submitted, including the No. 2 Poor fund and the Savior's Day fund, according to that source.

[REDACTED] also advised that the No. 2 Poor fund is the NOI's number one charity effort as it is the believers duty to see that the Apostle and his family are properly provided.

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[REDACTED] advised on February 25, 1961 [REDACTED] that Savior's Day donations of \$125 per believer are reportedly used by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD for such expenses as transportation to the various Mosques throughout the United States, radio broadcasts and telecasts, and other expenses pertaining to the National organization of the NOI.

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[REDACTED] furnished information on July 11, 1961 indicating that MTI No. 2 was purchasing a property in Phoenix, Arizona for ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, which property was to be given to MUHAMMAD as a gift.

It is noted that MUHAMMAD has recently acquired a second residence in Phoenix.

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[REDACTED] furnished information on September 8, 1961 indicating that MTI No. 2 has been attempting to make a gift of homes to members of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's family. In that

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connection, the source indicated that one such gift had been made and another was in the process of being made.

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Chicago will be alert for any information from public sources in line with the request set forth in referenced Bureau letter.

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 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)  
 SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM  
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 [redacted] reliable, on 9/19/61, advised  
 a brother, believed to be [redacted]

[redacted] was in long distance contact with  
 ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. The brother stated he had just heard  
 ELIJAH was not coming out. MUHAMMAD stated he thought  
 he would postpone his trip there for a month since  
 it would be warm "on that coast". MUHAMMAD continued  
 that one reason he was coming out there was to see  
 "that brother R. T.", believed to be R. T. X ASHFORD,  
 formerly minister of Temple #26. The brother told  
 MUHAMMAD "yes, I put him out yesterday". MUHAMMAD  
 continued he would go to the other place, believed to

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mean Phoenix, Arizona, as soon as his wife and son (CLARA MUHAMMAD and HERBERT MUHAMMAD) get it ready. The brother stated he would like to see ELIJAH there. MUHAMMAD replied "Okay, sometime next week". MUHAMMAD instructed the brother to advise the followers he would be "there", probably San Francisco, the fourth Sunday in October. The brother stated he would send in the reports by brother LEROY tomorrow [REDACTED] later on 9/19/61, advised that a brother from the Temple in Los Angeles, believed to be [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. This brother asked about MUHAMMAD's speech which was described as being scheduled for Sunday in San Francisco. MUHAMMAD replied that the speech had been rescheduled for the fourth Sunday in October.

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The San Francisco Office should be alert as to any preparations being made for a "feast" to be held by Temple #26 in connection with the appearance of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in San Francisco late in October and should advise the Bureau of same by appropriate communication.

The Chicago Office will be alert as to any further developments concerning MUHAMMAD going to Phoenix, Arizona or to San Francisco, California and pertinent information will be disseminated to Phoenix and San Francisco in appropriate communication.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (85-330971)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-28636)  
SUBJECT: MATION OF ISLAM  
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**[REDACTED]** reliable, on 9/22/61, advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in long distance contact with a female, believed to be his wife, CLARA MUHAMMAD. ELIJAH stated "we" set up a school and put in a principal at the school who is "smarter" than the Sister Director CHRISTINE (CHRISTINE JOHNSON, Director of the University of Islam No. 2). ELIJAH stated that the principal had taught in Wayne County at the University and works for the government and receives a good salary from them. (Based on past information, it is believed MUHAMMAD had been in Detroit, Michigan, and the above conversation refers to the University of Islam #1, Detroit, Michigan.)

CLARA asked ELIJAH when he would be out and MUHAMMAD replied, "When the back place is finished." CLARA stated he was going to bring the secretary with him as "when the work comes in here, they will just send it to me out there and I will also have the work transferred to me from the other places." (It is believed this refers to MUHAMMAD possibly going to Phoenix, Arizona.) ELIJAH then stated he had had a meeting with all the temples in Michigan yesterday and all the ministers and secretaries were there and a good time was had by all.

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Detroit is requested to ascertain the identity of the "new principal" and if he is unknown to them, to advise the Bureau of pertinent data concerning this man's government position in a communication suitable for dissemination.

Any further information developed regarding MUHAMMAD's move to Phoenix, Arizona will be furnished that office.

Phoenix is requested to direct any communications regarding MUHAMMAD's residence in Phoenix to Chicago files on the NOI and on ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>ELIJAH POOLE, aka.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7C</b>	TYPED BY <b>S.H.H.</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IS - NOI</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/7/61, at Chicago.

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## LEAD

## CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Follow and report the activities of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Copies of this report are being disseminated to G-2, ONI and OSI, locally in fulfilling responsibility under the Delimitations Agreement.

One copy of this report is being furnished Phoenix in view of MUHAMMAD's recent purchase of a second residence in that city.

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During early 1961, information was made available by [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, indicating that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has engaged in extra marital activities with the following listed females, who are members of the Nation of Islam (NOI). This information cannot be verified without the cooperation of the individuals involved and contact with same could jeopardize a highly confidential Bureau investigative technique. It is believed the possibility of any of these individuals cooperating is remote: b2

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The following are a few examples of conversations between MUHAMMAD and the female involved:

On February 17, 1961, [REDACTED] told ELIJAH MUHAMMAD that she knows MUHAMMAD has visited other people besides herself and she also knows that he has quoted everything she has ever said about "any of those girls" and that he has told the same story to seven or more. She also told MUHAMMAD that "little people like myself are sacrificed for your pleasure because you're not suffering like my friends are suffering".

b7C On February 11, 1961, [REDACTED] told MUHAMMAD that [REDACTED] had gone to her father's place. MUHAMMAD stated that he had provided funds "to take care of some of [REDACTED] expenses".

On February 18, 1961, in a conversation between [REDACTED] and MUHAMMAD, MUHAMMAD inquired about "the baby" and added that "it looks just like him when he was a little boy". [REDACTED] added that as it looked like MUHAMMAD, no one would ever need "any papers or anything" to identify the child. MUHAMMAD replied he did not want to deny it.

Information provided by [REDACTED] on July 14, 1961, indicated that [REDACTED] were again pregnant. b2 b7C

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On February 14, 1961, MUHAMMAD told [REDACTED] that her little girl took after her mother. [REDACTED] replied "wait a minute, she isn't taking after her mother. She's taking after someone else". **b7C**

On February 13, 1961, MUHAMMAD, in speaking with [REDACTED] told her to tell [REDACTED] "to take care of that baby" as [REDACTED] likes cool weather and cool rooms but should not have it so cold for the baby, who is only a few weeks old.

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- Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
- X This report is classified confidential because (state reason) [REDACTED] could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.
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- This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
- X This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is National Leader of the NOI.
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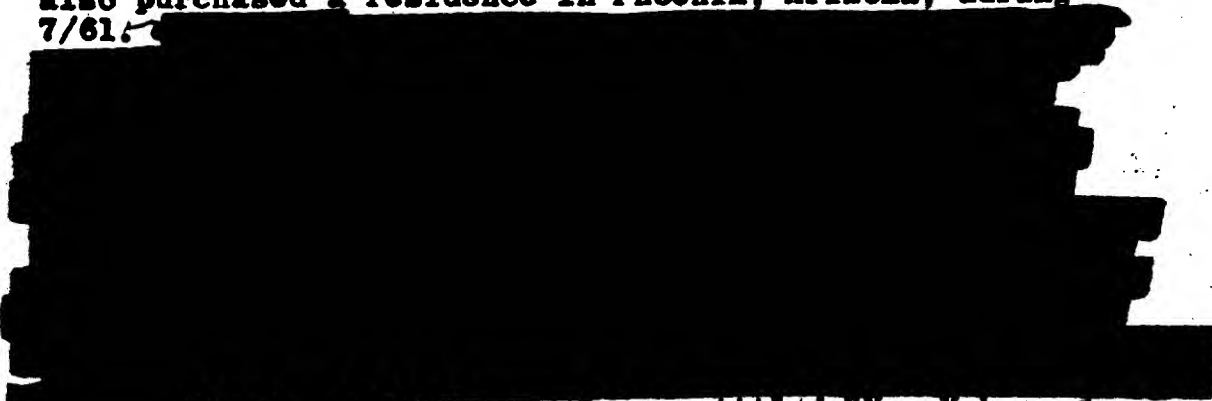
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## Synopsis:

ELIJAH POOLE, also known as ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, is National leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), with national headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. MUHAMMAD resides at 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue and also maintains a private apartment at 8205 South Vernon, both Chicago, Illinois. He also purchased a residence in Phoenix, Arizona, during 7/61.



MUHAMMAD writes a column entitled "Mr. Muhammad Speaks", which appears weekly in "The New Crusader", and the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch". MUHAMMAD's taped messages are broadcast regularly on various radio stations throughout the United States.

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**DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

The following organizations, referred to in this report, which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized in the latter pages of this report:

**Fruit of Islam**

**Muslim Girls Training**

**Nation of Islam**

**I. BACKGROUND**

**A. Residence**

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As of September, 1961, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD maintained a private office at Apartment 1, first floor, 8205 South Vernon Avenue.

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On September 20, 1961, [REDACTED] advised Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] that records [REDACTED] contained no current information concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD..

D. Criminal Record

b7C The files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, reviewed on September 21, 1961, by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] reflected no current information concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

E. Health

During August, 1961, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD stated that he was planning to go to Phoenix, Arizona, for a rest. He said that while he has an Arab doctor, he trusts only ALLAH. He indicated that he had been reading up on his symptoms and that he has acute bronchitis asthma, whereas the doctors had told him he had a bad case of acute bronchitis. He

remarked that he had been telling his sons to save their money and not depend on him as he is approaching the middle sixties in age and his type of work wears a person out faster than ordinary work. He stated that he had told his doctor that he had had a heart attack approximately three years ago. He also stated that he had been to a doctor and was advised to go somewhere and rest.

On June 10, 1961, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD reported to the Woodlawn Station of the Chicago Police Department that on the afternoon of that date two children ran out from behind a bread truck at 65th Street and Woodlawn into the path of his car. The car knocked the children down but MUHAMMAD did not think they were hurt seriously although his first thought was that they had been killed.

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B. Appearance at Temples Other  
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The September 2, 1961, edition of the "New Jersey Herald News", a Newark, New Jersey, weekly newspaper, contained an item captioned, "Over 10,000 Hear Muslim Leader at New York Rally". That item stated that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, leader of the black Muslims, had spoken at the 369th Regiment Armory in New York on the previous Sunday on the subject, "Separation, or Some Land Of Our Own, or Death".

This item stated, "The Messenger pointed out that the white man has ruled the world for over 6,000 years that was given to them by the original Creator, YAKUB. He pleaded for separation of the so-called Negro from the white man and that he be given some states where he can develop his talents and a nation of his own."

"If the so-called Negro is given land and the necessary basic things such as education and materials for a period of 20 - 25 years and does not prove his ability to make good, then he said he should be destroyed and doesn't deserve to live ... He also said the United States should give each Negro a million dollars, which would only amount to \$20,000,000,000, which is nothing unusual in foreign aid, to help him toward his full development."

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E. Use of Publications and Communications

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The "Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch" is a self-described weekly newspaper published at 1431 West Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

"The New Crusader" is a weekly newspaper published at 4237 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. DAN BURLEY is listed therein as the Managing Editor of "The New Crusader".

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During the period between March 23, 1961, and August 31, 1961, the column, "Mr. Muhammad Speaks", by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, appeared in the "Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch" on a weekly basis.

Typical examples of the items are as follows:

The March 23, 1961, edition of the "Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch" contained an item captioned, "No Justice For So-Called Negroes" under the column, "Mr. Muhammad Speaks". The article stated, in substance, that the so-called Negro of America should know that there is no justice under the flag of America for him. The article said that the black man would soon bear witness that the white race of America is none other than the real devils in person.

The August 10, 1961, edition of the "Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch" contained under the column, "Mr. Muhammad Speaks", an article captioned, "We Must Be Ourselves". That item stated, in substance, that the black man must do something for himself and stop working against each other for the joy of his enemies. It stated that the black man cannot depend on the white race to continue to farm and grow food,

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cotton, and wool to clothe the black man. It stated that the black men must unite and work together in order to make it easier for themselves.

During the period between February 18, 1961, and August 26, 1961, the column, "Mr. Muhammad Speaks", by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, appeared in weekly issues of "The New Crusader".

A typical example of those articles is contained in the July 15, 1961, edition of "The New Crusader". That item in substance stated that America has always mistreated the so-called Negro by beating and killing him to put fear in others. It said that America has never treated any enemy that she has warred with as she has and still treats her harmless slaves. It also stated that ALLAH has now chosen the poor Negro to be His people. It called on the so-called Negro to hurry and join with their own kind and to write to MUHAMMAD's Mosque Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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F. Other Statements Regarding the NOI

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD stated during June, 1961, in connection with being told of a recent incident in Miami, Florida, where his followers had been arrested for parading without a permit,

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that all of his people should be told "not to attack anybody, but if they are attacked, they should fight back". In the Miami incident, one brother reportedly, after being arrested, took a gun and stick away from a policeman and struck the policeman with his stick.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Communist Party (CP) Interest in the NOI

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### MUSLIM GIRLS TRAINING

On May 19, 1960, a source advised that the Muslim Girls Training (MGT) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) and is composed of all female members of the NOI. The MGT is similar in structure to the Fruit of Islam (FOI), which is composed of male members of the NOI, in that the MGT has officers similar to military organizations to whom other female members are accountable. MGT members receive instructions in homemaking, hygiene, calisthenics, and other subjects such as Muslim history and the English language. There also exists a Junior MGT, which is composed of female members of the NOI who are between the ages of 15 and 19 and who are afforded military-type drill.

Since 1957, various officers and "sisters" of the MGT have, at meetings of the MGT, used the term MGT so that it also means General Civilization Class. General Civilization Class refers to classes conducted within the MGT.

The above refers to activities of the MGT at Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood, Chicago, Illinois.

On May 17, 1961, another source advised that the MGT is a group within the NOI which is composed of all female members of the NOI. The MGT is similar in structure to the FOI, which is composed of male members of the NOI. In theory, the MGT exists in all Temples of the NOI and is patterned after the MGT at Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, Chicago. General Civilization Class refers to the collective group of classes held within the MGT.

### FRUIT OF ISLAM

On May 5, 1961, a source advised that the Fruit of Islam (FOI) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) composed of male members of the NOI. The purpose of the FOI is to protect officials and property of the NOI, assure compliance of members with NOI teachings and to prepare for the "War of Armageddon". Members of the FOI are required to participate in military drill and are afforded the opportunity to engage in judo training. The FOI is governed by a military system wherein the members are controlled by general orders similar to those issued by regular military organizations.

NATION OF ISLAM, formerly referred  
to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also  
known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nation-wide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 5, 1961, a second source advised: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI). Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI. In mid-1960 MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nation-wide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teaching and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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These informants and other available sources have been alerted to report all pertinent data regarding MUHAMMAD's proposed visit to Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay area and the Bureau and Chicago will be advised of any developments promptly.

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FROM SAC, CHICAGO /100-6989/ 1P *b2*

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, AKA., IS DASH NOI. *b2*

RELIABLE, ADVISED ELIJAH MUHAMMAD ON TEN SIXTEEN LAST STATED HE  
WOULD BE GOING TO ARIZONA ON TEN EIGHTEEN NEXT AND HIS ADDRESS WOULD  
BE TWO ONE ONE EIGHT EAST VIOLET DRIVE, PHOENIX. *b2*

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PHOENIX TO BE ADVISED. *105-24822-93*

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FROM SAC, CHICAGO /100-6989/ 1 P

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, AKA., IS <sup>D</sup>BASH NOI. RE CHICAGO TELETYPE OCT. SEVENTEEN  
LAST. ON OCT. [REDACTED]

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INSTANT. SUBJECT ARRIVED AMERICAN AIRLINES, FLIGHT NO. FOUR  
THREE, EIGHT THIRTY P.M. THIS DATE. SUBJECT PRESENTLY RESIDING  
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FROM SAC, CHICAGO /100-6989/ 1P  
ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, AKA, IS DASH NOI. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RELIABLE, ADVISED OCTOBER TWENTY INSTANT ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
STATED HE WOULD BE LEAVING AT SIX FIFTEEN PM OCTOBER TWENTY INSTANT.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

NATION OF ISLAM  
IS - NOI

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Re Philadelphia airtel 9/14/61.

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A review of the subject file on ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, Jr., fails to reflect information indicating the possession of firearms on his part.

On the dates indicated below the confidential informants listed, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who have a knowledge of leaders and members of MUHAMMAD's Temple of Islam No. 2 and also of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, Jr., and his activities at Temple No. 2, were contacted and asked if they had any information indicating ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, Jr., or the NOI were carrying firearms or if they had any knowledge of any individual NOI members carrying firearms. All replied they had no indication of such activity at Temple No. 2.

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- 4 - Bureau (RM)  
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1 - Philadelphia (25-26094) (Info) (RM)  
2 - Chicago  
    (1 - 100-30968) (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, Jr.)  
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In the event any information of this type is received by the Chicago Office, the Bureau will be promptly advised in appropriate communication.

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Date: 12/1/61

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-36301)

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
IS - NOI  
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ReWFOairtel dated 11/30/61, captioned NATION OF  
ISLAM, IS - NOI, with no copy to Phoenix.

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The above is for the information of the Bureau,  
Chicago and Phoenix.

- ③ - Bureau
- 1 - Chicago (Info) (RM) (100-6989)
- 1 - Phoenix (Info) (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 12/6/61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
IS - NOI  
O.O. Chicago

Re WFO airtel dated 12/1/61.

Confidential informants and sources who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with the activities of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD have furnished no information indicating MUHAMMAD is contemplating travel to Egypt for rest and medical care, or for any other reason. These same sources have furnished no specific information concerning MUHAMMAD's health other than he continues to suffer from a bronchial condition which he has had for some time. The Bureau has previously been advised of that condition.

Chicago will be alert for positive information concerning the above and the Bureau will be immediately advised if such information is developed.

An information copy of this letter is being furnished Phoenix in view of MUHAMMAD's maintaining a second residence in that city.

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- 1 - Phoenix (105-5593) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Chicago

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Date: 12/8/61

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Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-8989)  
 SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE, aka  
 IS - NOI  
 O.O. Chicago

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has been at his Chicago residence, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, since 11/20/61. [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that as of 12/8/61 MUHAMMAD continued to reside at his Chicago residence but that MUHAMMAD has indicated he plans to return shortly to his Phoenix residence (2118 East Violet Drive Phoenix, Arizona).

The Bureau and Phoenix will immediately be advised when MUHAMMAD leaves Chicago.

[redacted] has previously advised that MUHAMMAD has stated he would use his Phoenix residence as a winter home and his Chicago residence as a summer home. It is noted that MUHAMMAD was at his Phoenix residence from 10/20/61 to 11/20/61.

Various reliable sources of the Chicago Office have stated as recently as 10/61 that MUHAMMAD will return to Chicago frequently during the winter months for the purpose of maintaining control over Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, which continues to be the National Headquarters, Nation of Islam (NOI). It is noted that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the National Leader of the NOI.

In view of the above, it is felt that the Chicago Office should remain office of origin in this matter.

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URGENT 12-19-61 11-10 PM ET

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /105-24822/

SAC, PHOENIX /105-5593/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /100-6989/ 1P

ELIJAH POOLE, AKA, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH NOI.

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Date: 12/20/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)  
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (105-93)  
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau, 12/19/61.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, accompanied by two women, presumably CLARA MARIE SHARRIEFF and BERNIQUE CUSHMERE, arrived Phoenix, Arizona, 12:20 PM on 12/19/61, AMERICAN AIRLINES Flight 65. They proceeded to their residence at 2118 E. Violet Drive, Phoenix.

On 12/19/61, [REDACTED] advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD had commented that he would remain in Phoenix until about the second week or the middle of January, 1962, when he would then return to Chicago.

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- ③ - Bureau (RM)  
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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: February 13, 1962

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland *JFB*SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, also known as  
Elijah Poole  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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Enclosed memorandum is for the possible use of Assistant Director DeLoach. It contains information of a general nature as well as that which was obtained at a public Nation of Islam (NOI) meeting which was held in Phoenix, Arizona, on 1-21-62. This meeting was covered by the press.

Elijah Muhammad is a key figure of the Chicago Office. He is the leader of the NOI, an organization which is violently anti-white, anti-Christian, anti-integration and anti-United States.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the enclosed memorandum be forwarded to Assistant Director DeLoach for his consideration.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bland

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

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It appears that this country may be able to produce a worthy challenger to Fidel Castro, the Cuban fugitive from a barbershop, in the field of marathon speechmaking. Our prospective challenger is Elijah Poole, also known as Elijah Muhammad. Muhammad is the leader and self-styled prophet of the Nation of Islam. This organization teaches that the white man is a "Devil" and intrinsically evil. Muhammad instructs his followers that the flag of the United States is the flag of the devil and expounds a violently antiwhite and anti-Christian line. Muhammad or Poole depending on where you stand as to the recognition of his self-given divinity, recently addressed approximately 1,000 of his followers at a public meeting at Phoenix, Arizona. It is interesting to note that Muhammad recently purchased a luxurious home in Phoenix which he uses as a retreat from the hustle and bustle of Chicago where he maintains his national headquarters. Muhammad's harangue lasted approximately two hours during which he spewed his vicious hatred for the white race. During his talk he castigated legitimate Christian ministers of the Negro race and inferred that these ministers are motivated by material rather than by spiritual aims.

His indictment of the legitimate Negro clergy as materialistic is certainly a travesty. If ever anyone lived in complete luxury as a result of a quasi-religious status which was self-granted, Muhammad would be a prime example. His followers, many of whom are practically destitute, have been "encouraged" to give until it hurts and as a result the "prophet" lives luxuriously in both Chicago and at his Arizona retreat. He has expensive cars, servants, bodyguards (approximately 42 stood guard during his Phoenix appearance), a large staff at his beck and call and enjoys all the better things of life.

It is certainly ironic that this hate monger without one iota of theological training is able to guise his vicious and hateful mouthings under a religious cloak. It is similarly tragic that an individual of his type who enjoys every worldly luxury at the expense of his poor followers is able to impugn the reputations of legitimate religious leaders who are attempting to improve the temporal and spiritual lives of their congregations at great personal sacrifices.

It is truly amazing that the irony of this situation apparently escapes Muhammad's followers.

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Date: 3/12/62

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
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██████████, reliable, on 3/8/62 advised ██████████ was told by a ██████████ that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD should go to Rochester for a check-up to see if they can find out what is causing his condition. ██████████ to try to talk ELIJAH into this. This same source on the same date later advised that ██████████ wanted the doctor to go ahead and set-up the appointment they had talked about for next week. It was indicated MUHAMMAD would take this appointment whenever he could get it.

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██████████, reliable, on 3/10/62 advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD stated one reason he was still in Chicago was that he was waiting to get himself signed into a hospital; that he was going there for a good check-up; that he has not gained any weight as he does not have any appetite.

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Minneapolis is requested to contact appropriate officials at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and ascertain if and when ELIJAH MUHAMMAD will enter said hospital for a physical check-up. Minneapolis is also requested to, if said check-up takes place, determine full history regarding MUHAMMAD's ailments and diagnosis thereof and to advise the Bureau, Chicago and Phoenix of same.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Minneapolis (100- ) (RM)
- 1 - Phoenix (Info.) (RM)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
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(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Chicago airtel 3/12/62, concerning ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's proposed physical checkup at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

On 3/14/62, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the following information:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has cancelled his appointment to be admitted to the Mayo Clinic on Thursday, 3/15/62. MUHAMMAD now plans to enter the Provident Hospital, Chicago, for observation and treatment; if needed, a specialist will be called regarding his condition.

Minneapolis should discontinue the lead to contact appropriate officials at Mayo Clinic.

Phoenix is provided with an information copy of this communication as MUHAMMAD has a winter residence in that city.

Chicago will advise the Bureau of any pertinent developments in the above regard.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /105-24822/

SAC, PHOENIX /105-5593/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /100-6989/

ELIJAH POOLE, AKA, IS DASH NOI.

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**b2** [redacted] RELIABLE, ADVISED MARCH  
NINETEEN INSTANT THAT ELIJAH MUHAMMAD HAS INDICATED PLANS FOR RETURNING  
TO PHOENIX THIS DATE.

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Date: 3/20/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (100-5593)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE, aka  
IS - NOI  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago tel to Phoenix, 3/19/62.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, CLARA MUHAMMAD, and BERNIQUE CUSHMERE arrived Phoenix, Arizona, 9:10 PM, 3/19/62, American Airlines Flight 63. They proceeded to their residence at 2118 E. Violet Drive, Phoenix.

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